

Shinning Hope For Better Future

“I decided to transfer my knowledge not only to my son but also to my daughter. I will continue to share my knowledge with my team and the community. When I returned to my place I was very glad that my family and my community welcomed me with smile and hope on me. This inspires me to work for my community and continue learning to improve myself as a carpenter. Hoping to have more opportunity for all of us.” said Ko Tin Wai, 40 years old, father of two children, live in Kat Ta Lu villge of Kyun Su Township in Tanintharyi Region.



He got the opportunity to attend carpenter training in Yangon at Thuwana Training School conducted by UN-Habitat and the Ministry of Construction. This is the first vocational training in his life.

He has been working as carpenter for 8 years and also cultivating the betel, durian and rubber for livelihoods. He is the vice leader in his carpenter group. As a vice leader he manages the team and guide the juniors with his own traditional knowledge. But sometimes he lost his confidence because he just only finished primary education.

“This training also change my mind-set. I used to think the carpentry is for men. But I noticed that women trainees are also participated in this training. They not only participated well but also they came up with new ideas. If the women from remote areas have basic knowledge of building construction they can manage or help in building houses when their husband or father is away.”



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UN Habitat promotes resilient building construction methods as it is crucial for everyone especially who live in remote and hazard-prone area. People living in remote areas much depend on local carpenters to build or renovate their traditional houses. With traditional knowledge alone not be able to improve resilient communities and people’s living standard. Capacity building trainings and programs contributes for the local carpenters to promote resilient construction in townships.